



# United States Navy Biography

## **CMDCM Charles Clark** **Command Master Chief, NAF/NOSC Washington**



Master Chief Clark was born in Plattsburg, New York in September 1964. His father retired as a Master Sargent in the Air Force, and he spent the early part of his life living on various bases around the country. He graduated from Clover Park High School in Tacoma, Washington and enlisted in the Navy on February 14, 1984. He completed Recruit Training in San Diego, California and attended Basic Seaman Apprenticeship Boatswain's Mate Training.

Master Chief Clark's previous duty stations include his first ship, USS BROOKE (FFG-1) and his follow on assignment to USS HAROLD E. HOLT (FF-1074). He then joined the support detachment of EOD Mobile Unit One (EODMU-1) in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. His next sea duty tour was onboard USS INGERSOLL (DD-990) where he was selected to Chief Petty Officer in 1997. He transferred to Afloat Training Group Middle

Pacific (ATGMIDPAC) where he earned the qualifications of CNET Master Training Specialist (MTS) and Afloat Training Specialist (ATS). Before his departure from ATGMIDPAC, he became the senior seamanship observer and senior high risk instructor for Visit, Board, Search, and Seizure operations (VBSS). His follow on assignment was to Naval Station Annapolis as Craftmaster of YP-692. After nine, two week summer cruise blocks and selection as Alpha Squadron LCPO in charge of 10 YP's, he was assigned as 3rd Division LCPO on board USS HARRY S. TRUMAN (CVN-75), completing 2 deployment cycles. He was selected by his Commanding Officer to participate as an Individual Augmentee in a Forward Operating Base to lead and develop an Afghan Sergeant Major counterpart and his 150 Afghan Soldiers. After two months of pre-deployment infantry training, Master Chief Clark completed a 12-month tour in a hostile combat zone immersed in a joint environment. Master Chief Clark's follow on assignment was the United States Naval Academy where he served as Brigade Master Chief for the Commandant of Midshipmen, leading 29 Navy and Marine

Corps Senior Enlisted Leaders and over 4,500 Midshipmen. Master Chief Clark was selected to the Command Master Chief program in April 2010 and reported to Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron (VAW-121) to join the BLUETAILS embarked onboard USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN-69).

Command Master Chief Clark holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Management from the University of Phoenix. He is a graduate of the Senior Enlisted Academy (Class 134, GREEN Team) and a graduate of the Command Leadership School (Class 68). His decorations include: Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (3 awards), Army Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal (9 awards), Humanitarian Medal, Outstanding Volunteer Award, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Expert Rifle and Pistol Medals, and several campaign awards.

Command Master Chief Clark lives with his wife Jessica in Easton, Maryland. He has no children that live at home. His future ambition is to complete his Masters in Business Administration.